

HOW TO CHANGE THE FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE FISHERIES REGULATIONS

Alaska citizens and subsistence users are an integral part of the Federal regulatory process. Any person or group can submit proposals to change or improve Federal subsistence regulations, comment on proposals, and testify at meetings. The ten Regional Advisory Councils meet at least twice a year. Involvement of subsistence users help us to manage subsistence activities more effectively, ensuring consideration of traditional and local knowledge in subsistence management decisions.

Oct. 1, 1999	Effective Date of Federal subsistence fisheries regulations for the 2000-2001 regulatory year.
Jan. 4, 2000	Proposals can be submitted to change Federal subsistence fisheries seasons, harvest limits, and methods and means of taking fish (or shellfish).
Feb. 21- Mar. 24, 2000	Regional Advisory Council winter meetings. The ten Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Councils meet to develop proposals and hear public comments on subsistence issues.
Mar. 27, 2000	Proposal period ends.
May 1-31, 2000	Public Comment on Proposals. The proposals to change the Federal subsistence fisheries regulations are distributed for public review and comment.
Sept. 11- Oct. 20, 2000	Regional Advisory Council fall meetings. The Regional Advisory Councils meet to review regional proposals, staff analyses, and make recommendations to the Federal Subsistence Board on the proposals.
Dec. 4-8, 2000	Federal Subsistence Board meets to consider public and staff input, review Regional Council recommendations, and hear additional public comment before establishing the final regulations for the 2001-2002 regulatory year and publication in the <i>Federal Register</i> .
Mar. 1, 2001	New Regulations for 2001-2002 regulatory year go into effect.

PROPOSAL FORM

PROPOSAL GUIDELINES

Please use the following form (or format) to request changes to Federal regulations for the subsistence harvest of fish and shellfish on Federal public lands and waters from March 1, 2001, to February 28, 2002. Proposals will be accepted through **March 27, 2000**.

You may propose changes to:

- Harvest limits
- Federal subsistence season dates
- Methods and means of harvest
- Customary and traditional use determinations
- For National Parks and National Monuments, individuals who live in residents zone communities (see *36 CFR 13.43*) respectively for each park or monument and people who already hold a Section 13.44 subsistence use permit issued by the superintendent (see *36 CFR 13.44*) may apply for an individual C & T use determination.

Submit proposals to:

Federal Subsistence Board
3601 C Street, Suite 1030
Anchorage, Alaska 99503

Fax: (907) 786-3898

E-mail: bill_knauer@fws.gov

This booklet and the current Federal subsistence management wildlife regulations booklet (1999-2000 regulations) can be helpful references in developing proposals. You may also request copies of the proposed regulations as published in the *Federal Register*.

It is not necessary to use this form to submit a proposal, but please include all information requested on the following page in your submission. A separate form must be submitted for each proposed change. You may mail, fax, or E-mail proposals. Forms submitted by fax (907) 786-3898 or by E-mail to bill_knauer@fws.gov, will be considered originals.

For additional materials or information:

Telephone: (800) 478-1456 or (907) 786-3888
*TTY available at (907) 786-3595 or through the
Federal Relay Service (800) 877-8339*
Fax: (907) 786-3898
E-mail: bill_knauer@fws.gov

Electronic copies of this form are available on the Office of Subsistence Management Internet Home Page at www.r7.fws.gov/asm/home.html.

PROPOSAL FORM

Proposed by: _____

Name: _____

Organization/Affiliation: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Fax Number: _____ E-mail: _____

PLEASE ANSWER ANY OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS THAT APPLY. (Attach additional sheets as necessary).

1. What are you proposing to change? *[Please include fishery/shellfish management area(s) and species, and, if possible, quote the current regulation. Identify if the change is for customary and traditional use determinations, season, harvest limits, methods, users, or other.]*

2. Why should this change be made? *[Write the regulation the way you would like to see it written and explain reasons for the change.]*

3. What impact will this change have on fish and shellfish populations?

4. How will this change affect subsistence users?

PLEASE ANSWER QUESTIONS 5-7 ONLY IF YOU ARE PROPOSING A CHANGE TO A CUSTOMARY AND TRADITIONAL USE DETERMINATION.

5. Which communities have used this resource? When? *[Include time periods, if possible].*

6. Where has the resource been harvested? *[Include specific areas, if known.]*

7. When has the resource been harvested? *[What months or seasons does harvest occur?]*

Is there any additional information that supports your proposal? *[This might include current fish/shellfish population trends, how the fish/shellfish are processed, how resources are shared, what other resources are harvested by the communities, how is knowledge of fish/shellfish passed down, or any other information.]*